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OPEN SPACE ACT PROPOSED

On 9 February, Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. of New Jersey introduced a measure (S. 858) entitled "The Open Space and Urban Development Act of 1961."

The bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Clark of Pennsylvania, Sen. Hart of Michigan, and Sen. Bartlett of Alaska, would authorize the administrator of the HHFA "to assist States and their political subdivisions in preserving open space land in and around urban areas which, for economic, social, conservation, recreational or esthetic reasons, is essential to the proper long-range development and welfare of the nation's urban areas and their suburban and rural environs."

Under the bill's provisions, grants for acquisition for such lands would be made available provided thorough and comprehensive studies and master planning had been accomplished, and provided that such other means and techniques as zoning, development or easement rights, acquisition and leaseback, deferral of taxes on land kept open, tax adjustments for gifts or bequests of land and foreclosure of tax delinquent property, which is suitable for park and recreation use, have been explored thoroughly and utilized wherever possible.

Advance copies of the bill were sent to the ASLA Washington headquarters for comment. Other groups were similarly approached, with letters of endorsement coming from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, American Municipal Association, American Institute of Planners, American Recreation Society, the American Institute of Architects and others.

Reprints from the Congressional Record, Vol. 107, No. 24, covering the situation in detail, may be obtained by writing Hon. Harrison Williams, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

WHITE HOUSE THANKS ASLA

The White House has acknowledged an offer of the American Society of Landscape Architects to assist in the organization of a proposed "Department of Urban Affairs." In a February 20 letter to Society President Norman T. Newton, President Kennedy's special assistant Ralph A. Dungan said that "the President is grateful for your expression of interest and your offer of advice and assistance."

Prof. Newton had written President Kennedy earlier in February, "offering our services to aid in any appropriate way with the initial organization of the new department and with formulation of plans for its future activity."



ASLA President-elect John I. Rogers, FASLA, (right) reviews the agenda of the Board of Trustees' pro-forma meeting 27-29 January with Prof. Norman T. Newton, FASLA, retiring president, and Edward B. Ballard, ASLA, (center) president of the Potomac Chapter. Setting was the chapter's reception for the board at Washington's National Housing Center.

N.Y. REGISTRATION SET

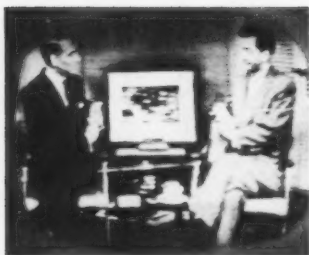
Landscape architects desiring to apply for registration under New York State's new licensure law are urged to request necessary application forms on or after 1 April 1961, the date the law becomes effective. No application forms, according to John J. McC. Ryan, chairman of the Upstate Chapter's Registration Committee, can be sent out prior to that date. Requests for the forms should be sent to: Bureau of Professional Licensing Services, State Education Bldg., Albany, N.Y. Each applicant should apply for the forms individually. An office or similar working group should not apply for application forms in quantity to be distributed among staff members. Applications for registration under the "grandfather clause" incorporated in the law can be made only between 1 April 1961 and 1 July 1961.

MD. GETS U.S. BONUS

The State of Maryland in mid-January became the first of the 50 states eligible to receive Federal anti-billboard bonus payments. Under an agreement signed by State and Federal roads officials on 18 January, Maryland will receive an estimated \$1.5-\$1.7 million, stretched over the life of the interstate highway building program.

The "Free State" is eligible for the Federal bonus because it has enacted laws banning billboards from interstate highways. Under Maryland law, no billboard may be erected within 660 feet of the interstate highway right-of-way. Maryland will receive an estimated \$5,885 in Federal payments for each mile of completed highway subject to the law.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS got a boost in the Washington area recently when executive director Lynn Harriss was interviewed about the profession by Milton Q. Ford on WTIG-TV's "Suburbia Show."

mobile home winners

Out of a field of over 200 entries, Arthur G. Foster, Jr. of the University of North Carolina School of City Planning, has won first prize of \$1000 in the Mobile Home Park Student Competition, according to John L. Bloom, ASLA, professional advisor of the competition.

Second prize of \$500 went to Ronald E. Ginn of the University of Florida School of Landscape Architecture. Third prize of \$250 was claimed by Jon J. Read of the University of California School of Landscape Architecture. Three fourth prizes of \$100 each were awarded to Robert L. Phillips, North Carolina State College; Guy Rando, Harvard University; and Julius J. Veyna, California State Polytechnical College. All are enrolled in the School of Landscape Architecture at their respective colleges.

The competition, sponsored by the Mobile Homes Research Foundation and Rogers Industries, Inc., was endorsed by the ASLA. Using a site of some 15 acres just east of Pittsburgh, the contest was open to students of Landscape Architecture, Architecture, and City Planning in the fall of 1960.

Judging was held in early January by the Jury of Award, composed of Eugene R. Martini (M), jury chairman, Atlanta, Ga.; Standley Hart White (M), professor emeritus, University of Illinois; George F. Miles, treasurer, Vagabond Coach Mfg. Co.; and Claude Stoller, AIA, professor of architecture, University of California.

wirth reappointed

Conrad L. Wirth, FASLA, has been reappointed director of the National Park Service, according to a recent announcement by President Kennedy.

Mr. Wirth came to Washington in 1928 as a landscape architect with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as it was then called. He became director of the National Park Service in December 1951. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, where his father, Theodore Wirth, was superintendent of parks. The family soon moved to Minneapolis, where the elder Mr. Wirth earned the title of "Father of the Minneapolis Park System."



The Washington STAR, which carried an article on the reappointment on 25 January, referred to a post held by Mr. Wirth subsequent to his initial one of landscape architect as "assistant director in charge of land planting." One wonders if this was only a simple typographical error or yet another indication of public misconception as to what landscape architecture is all about.

o.k. for h.r. 10 expected

According to word from Capitol Hill, the House Committee on Ways and Means is expected to give a favorable hearing to H.R. 10 in March or April. In brief, the proposed legislation--introduced by Rep. Keogh (D-NY) in the House and by Sen. Bennett (R-Utah) in the Senate--is designed to give millions of self-employed Americans the same "tax break" on retirement savings now afforded corporate employees who contribute to company pension plans.

If passed, the bill will mean that current income set aside for retirement purposes (under a number of approved pension investment plans) will be tax deductible until paid out as retirement income after age 59½. The Society has (in 1950) voted to endorse this legislation, along with the AIA, ASCE, and more than 70 other groups.

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• LANDSCAPE ESTIMATING--MANAGEMENT--CONSTRUCTION, a practical course sponsored jointly by the California Council of Landscape Architects and the California Landscape Contractors Association, is now being held in Berkeley. Designed to keep both landscape architects and contractors abreast of the latest techniques in estimating and management practices, the 8-week course meets each Tuesday through 11 April at Berkeley's Willard Junior High School.

Among the prominent ASLAers responsible for organizing the course were John H. Staley (M) of Osmondson & Staley, San Francisco; C. Mason Whitney (M), of Berkeley; and Mai Arbogast (M), assistant professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of California in Berkeley. Among those scheduled to speak at the weekly sessions are Bruce Shaffer (M) of Berkeley; Eldon Beck (A) of Royston, Hanamoto & Mayes, San Francisco; Franklin G. Collins (M) of Lafayette; John C. Sue (A) of Ribera & Sue, Berkeley; and Douglas Baylis (M) of San Francisco. Others are William L. Kapranos (M) of San Anselmo; Robert J. Tetlow (M), associate professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of California, Berkeley; and Robert M. Babcock (M) of Oakland.

• THE CONNECTICUT TREE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION has awarded its Distinguished Service Award to Prof. Harold O. Perkins (M) of the University of Connecticut at Storrs. Prof. Perkins served as editor of the CTPA's publication, THE CONNECTICUT ARBORIST, for over 14 years.

• REPRINTS OF "STREET FURNITURE," the profusely illustrated feature which originally appeared in LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE magazine (Fall 1960) are now available in pamphlet form. ASLA members and firms interested in stimulating community interest in better design of street furniture may wish to distribute copies of this article to city fathers, local manufacturers, and editors of local papers. Also included in the reprint is Grady Clay's editorial, "Gum Ball Revolution." Copies of the reprint are obtainable while they last at 25 cents each, plus postage, from ASLA Headquarters, 2000 K Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

• MARTIN FUNNELL (M) has been elected chairman of the Baltimore Regional Section, Potomac Chapter. Offices of the Section, by coincidence, will have the same address as his: 1022 N. Calvert St., Baltimore 2, Maryland.

• **NEW BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS:** H.R. 3177, introduced by Rep. Eugene Siler (R-Ky) would authorize a survey of a parkway from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (N.C.) to Mammoth Cave National Park (Ky.). S. 609, introduced by Senator Prescott Bush (R-Conn), would establish a "Department of Housing and Urban Affairs."

• **JOHN V. McPHERSON, AIA, and JACK H. SWING, ASLA,** of Homewood, Illinois, have received a \$500 merit award in an annual design contest sponsored by the Mastic Tile Division of the Ruberoid Company. Presented to McPherson, Swing & Associates, the award cited the firm's design as "a major contribution to better utilization of a school plant providing education for youth and adults--recreation for all the family." The winning design was for a junior high school with administration, physical culture and academic sections grouped around an open garden area. Roofs of the classroom buildings were pyramidal in form, acting as lamp shades spreading light from a single high intensity light source. An electric heat pump at the apex of each pyramid would circulate air between the inner and outer shells of the structures.

• **SCRUGGS AND HAMMOND,** landscape architects and planning consultants of Peoria, Illinois, and Lexington, Kentucky, has announced the addition of two new associate members, D. Lyle Aten and John C. Lawrence. The firm is headed by John Dudley Scruggs (M) and Clarence E. Hammond (M).

• **ROBERT E. GOETZ (M),** of Webster Groves, Missouri, has been named landscape architect in charge of floral, color, and lighting arrangements for the 15th annual Bildors (sic!) Home Show, scheduled to be held 8-16 April at the St. Louis Arena. Principal attraction will be four completely landscaped homes set in a garden designed by Mr. Goetz.

• **PROF. IAN L. McHARG (M),** chairman of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, has been notified that his widely acclaimed TV series, "The House We Live In," has been accepted by National Educational Television for showing in 52 cities throughout the nation. Included on the show's itinerary are such cities as New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

• **THE 15TH ANNUAL WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN SYMPOSIUM** is scheduled to be held at Virginia's historic colonial capital, 19-24 March. The symposium, sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg, Inc. and FLOWER GROWER magazine, is expected to draw hundreds of garden enthusiasts from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Among the outstanding lecturers to address the group is Eugene R. Martini (ASLA) of Atlanta, who will speak on "Planning Your Garden For Pleasure." Other keynote speakers include Brian Hackett (FILA), Visiting Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois and Senior Lecturer in Landscape Architecture at Durham University, England, who will discuss "Traditional Values in Garden Design."

• **A SHORT COURSE IN LANDSCAPE OPERATIONS,** sponsored by the University of Georgia's Division of Landscape Architecture and the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, was held at Athens, 29-30 January. The two-day course provided participants from throughout the Southeast the opportunity not only to learn latest techniques and developments in the field but to exchange information of mutual concern. Presiding over the session was Hubert B.



RELAXING AT THE TRUSTEES' POTOMAC CHAPTER JOINT RECEPTION in Washington (from l.) are: Faith Block (Po Chapter); Campbell Miller (K-O Trustee); Arthur Barton (SC Trustee); and Cary M. Parker (Po Chapter).

Owens (F), chairman of the university's Division of Landscape Architecture. Also participating as instructors were William C. Pauley (M) of Atlanta; Thomas G. Williams (M) of the Agricultural Extension Service; Frank Burggraf, Jr. (A), assistant professor of Landscape Architecture at the university; and Samuel Monk (M) of Savannah.

• **ROBERT L. HORN (M)** has been named executive director of the Richmond (Va.) Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, effective 1 February. Under his supervision, the commission will prepare master plans for the city of Richmond and the two adjacent counties of Henrico and Chesterfield.

• **ASLA TREASURER GEORGE A. YARWOOD** was among eight outstanding civic leaders and officials honored in January for their contributions to the improvement of the town of Washington, Connecticut. Mr. Yarwood was presented with a "Leadership Certificate" after the township was awarded one of three top prizes for outstanding accomplishment in the 1960 competition for the Ward Melville Gold Medal for Community Improvement. Other communities taking top honors in the competition were Philadelphia and San José, California.

• **ARTHUR G. BARTON (M)** of Glendale, California, writes: "Congratulations on the new dues bill form! --The most business-like approach that we have seen in years. Had to send check the same day to show appreciation. Hope other members feel likewise and save costly additional mailings." (Ed. Note: Our underlining and B R O A D hint to all! Thanks, Art!)

calendar

7	New York City: Architectural League, 115
Mar	E. 40th St. New York Chapter Dinner Meeting. 7 pm.
14	Farmington, Conn.: Stone Haven Restaurant, Route 6. Connecticut Chapter Annual Meeting. 7 pm.
14-15	Greensboro, N.C.: The Oaks Motel, 1118 Summit Ave. SE Chapter Annual Meeting.
24-28	Philadelphia, Pa.: Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. AIA 1961 Annual Meeting.
10-13	Boulder, Colorado: Harvest House. 62nd Jul ASLA Annual Meeting.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CALIFORNIA, Bakersfield: Assistant Planning Director. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in planning or rel. field plus 3 yrs. governmental planning exp., one of which in supervisory capacity. Master's may be substituted for 1 yr. of exp. requirement. Salary: \$8484-10,308. Write to: See below.

CALIFORNIA, Bakersfield: Associate Planner for zoning work. Qual.: Degree in planning or rel. field plus 2 yrs. planning exp. Salary: \$6324-7692. Write to: Kern Co. Personnel Dept., Civic Ctr., Bakersfield.

CANADA, Ottawa: Landscape Architect. Qual.: Degree in l.a. from recognized univ. plus 3 yrs. exp. in public agency concerned with parks, parkways, and recreation areas. Duties to commence 1 April. Salary: \$6240-7140. Write to: J. E. Handy, Secretary, National Capital Commission, Carling & Bell, Ottawa.

CONNECTICUT, Wilton: Staff Planner to review and process subdivision applications, make planning studies and handle daily office routine. Qual.: Not specified. Salary: State salary expected in application. Write to: The Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, Wilton.

FLORIDA, Miami: Planner I for project planning. Qual.: Master's degree in planning or bachelor's in related field plus 2 yrs. planning exp. Salary: \$6096-7776. Write to: Dade Co. Personnel Dept., 2600 W. Flagler St., Miami.

FLORIDA, Pensacola: Planner II to assist with advance planning program. Qual.: Degree in planning or rel. field plus 2 yrs. exp. Salary: \$5688-6840. Write to: Secretary, Civil Service Bd., City Hall Annex, 129 E. Govt. St., Pensacola.

ILLINOIS, Champaign: Associate Planner to assist in preparation of comprehensive plan for growing community and urban renewal program. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in city planning, arch., l.a., or related field. Exp. pref. but not mandatory. Salary: \$5448-6600. Write to: Robert H. Oldland, City Manager, City Hall, Champaign.

MAINE, Old Town: Asst. Planner. Qual.: Degree in planning or rel. field plus one yr. exp. in planning. Salary: \$6000-7000. Fringe benefits. Write to: Hans K. Klunder, Dir., Planning & Research Div., James W. Sewall Co., Old Town.

MICHIGAN, East Lansing: Opening on Teaching Staff, Michigan State University, beginning 1 Sept. Qual.: Master's degree in l.a. and pref. undergrad. degree in l.a. Salary: Contingent upon trng. and exp. Write to: Chairman, Landscape Architectural Studies, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing.

MICHIGAN, Muskegon: Parks Supervisor to adm. and supervise constr., maint., and landscaping of city parks and recreation areas. Qual.: Grad. from recog. univ. with spec. in park mgmt., l.a., or hort. plus 1 yr. exp. in park mgmt., incl. supervisory. Salary: \$5000-6500. For official application form write to: Civil Service Office, City Hall, Muskegon.

MONTANA, Great Falls: Assistant Planner for metropolitan planning. Qual.: Degree in planning, l.a., arch. or related field. Salary: \$5000-5500. Write to: George Plescher, Dir., City-Co. Planning Board, Room B-3, Civic Ctr. Bldg., Great Falls.

NEW JERSEY, Paterson: Planning Director. Qual.: Degree in planning or rel. field, plus exp. in city and co. reg. planning. Salary: \$6560-7760. Write to: Robert Fleming, Secretary, Passaic Co. Planning Board, Service Bldg., Paterson.

OHIO, Canton: Associate Planner for long-range metropolitan program. Qual.: Degree in planning or rel. field plus exp. in planning. Salary: \$6200-7450. Write to: James H. Hickey, Dir., Stark Co. Regional Planning Commission, Co. Office Bldg., Canton 2.

PENNSYLVANIA, Lebanon: Assistant Planner. Qual.: Degree in landscape architecture or city planning. Salary: \$5000-5500. Write to: Richard M. Gelhard, Lebanon County Regional Planning Commission, 511 Cumberland St., Lebanon.

PENNSYLVANIA, Reading: Senior Planner to assist in prep. of gen'l planning studies. Qual.: Master's degree in planning with bachelor's in l.a., arch., or c.e. plus 2 yrs. exp. Salary: \$6500-7000. Write to: Richard M. Bauer, Exec. Dir., Berks Co. Planning Commission, Court House, Reading.

TEXAS, Ft. Worth: Planner for downtown planning, urban renewal, and devel. of area master plan. Qual.: Degree in planning or rel. field. Written exam. given. Salary: Open. Write to: Robert K. Maiden, Asst. Planning Dir., 203 City Hall, Ft. Worth.

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To insure an accurate listing in the next ASLA membership roster (List of Officers, Trustees, Members, and Affiliates), please check the last (May 14, 1960) issue. If incorrect, please complete the coupon below and mail to:

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situations wanted

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, age 33, desires position in park and recreation field or in challenging private practice. Degree in l.a. from Iowa State College. Member ASLA. Six yrs. exp. in park field, two as asst. dir. Also one yr. in private practice, specializing in marina devel. Salary requirements: \$10,000 range. Will consider partnership in private practice. Write to: Leland O. Kew, 6710 W. Keefe Ave. Parkway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND CITY PLANNER, age 36, with extensive exp. in urban renewal, residential and park design (now with nursery), desires return to l.a. field. B.S.L.A. from Univ. of Cincinnati and M.R.P. from Cornell. Prefer eastern U.S. Write to: Edward L. Bolce, Jr., 2651 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

